

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF FILING CIVIL )	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
PROCEEDINGS IN JUSTICE COURTS )	NO. 2004-029
<u>IN MARICOPA COUNTY )</u>	

Whereas, Presiding Judge Robert Broomfield entered an administrative order regarding venue in Justice Courts on March 28, 1981, and

Whereas, it is desirable to partially equalize workload and, to the extent possible, treat all litigants, the venue of whose cases is proper, fairly and to treat the staff of the courts who must process this workload as fairly and equitably as possible, the Court concludes that all civil cases filed in a Justice Court in Maricopa County should be filed in a Justice Court in which the venue is proper.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that each Justice of the Peace in Maricopa County, and their staffs, are authorized and directed to preliminary screen all civil proceedings presented for filing on the face of the complaint for determination of proper venue and to direct those persons whose civil complaints would not properly be within the precinct at which they are presented for filing to any other Justice Court precinct in which venue, on any bases, would be proper, except as hereinafter ordered.

If, on the face of the complaint, it is not clear whether venue is proper, the civil case shall be accepted for filing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each Justice of the Peace, and their staffs, are authorized to receive any complaint for filing, regardless of venue, if unusual circumstances exist (such as the impending expiration of a statute of limitations) but are thereafter authorized and directed to immediately transfer such case, sua sponte, to a justice court in which the venue would be proper together with the filing fee paid but without requiring the payment or transmittal of any transfer fee.

DATED this 23rd day of February, 2004.

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Colin F. Campbell  
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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All Maricopa County Justices of the Peace  
All Chief Clerks, Maricopa County Justice Courts